



Merger of USACILHI and **JTF-FA**



- **Background**

- **Working Group Meeting, March 18, 2002**

- ✓ **OSD, Army, JCS, USPACOM, USACILHI, JTF-FA**
- ✓ **Identified benefits of a single joint organization with a worldwide mission under a combatant commander**
- ✓ **Recommended going forward with merger**
- ✓ **New organization to be activated October 1, 2003**



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- **DepSec Memo, April 19, 2002**
 - ✓ **For CJCS, USCINCPAC**
 - ✓ **Assess feasibility in coordination with DPMO**
- **USCINCPAC P4, May 11, 2002: Supports merger**
- **CJCS concurs, May 23, 2002**
- **DepSec Memo, August 26, 2003**



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- ✓ For Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
- ✓ Directs deliberate planning for the merger

(to produce a detailed plan in support of DepSec order that will be reviewed and approved by OSD)

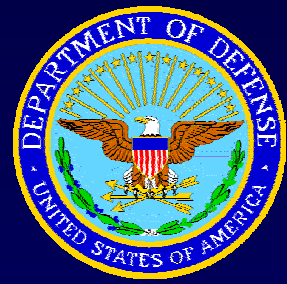
- ✓ Assigns DASD (POW/Missing Personnel Affairs) responsibility for oversight on DepSec's behalf



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- **OSD/DPMO Oversight**
 - **By authority and direction of Congress and the Secretary of Defense**
 - **Over the planning for a new organization that will be a national, one-of-a-kind asset located at USPACOM**
 - **Oversight responsibilities**
 - **Ensure the President's commitment to full accounting is embodied in all aspects of merger planning**



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- **Oversight responsibilities**
 - **Ensure new organization is structured and resourced to accomplish its mission at the same or higher level of performance as USACILHI and JTF-FA accomplished separately**
 - **Ensure all merger actions are IAW national and DoD policies, statutes, directives, instructions, etc., and update DoD directives and instructions as necessary**



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- **Oversight responsibilities**
 - **Ensure a coordinated effort with organizations concerned, including OSD, JCS, Army and other Services, USPACOM, AFDIL, LSEL, DIA**
 - **Provide advice and counsel to Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, on matters related to the merger**



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- **Oversight responsibilities**

- **Speak with a single voice for DoD and the U.S. Government by informing the following of progress:**
 - **Congress**
 - **The American public**
 - **Families of the missing**
 - **Family advocacy groups**
 - **Veterans groups**
 - **The media**